

## GRAIN-TRADE FAILURES.

RESULT OF BEING "LONG" OF WHEAT.

E. W. COLEMAN &amp; CO. AND J. M. FULLER &amp; CO.

SUSPENDED BUSINESS.

Wheat suddenly dropped in the Produce Exchange yesterday morning from two to two and a quarter cents, and corn from three-quarters of a cent to one cent. Business was practically suspended. Excited groups of men were engaged in discussing the common subject; a well-known grain commission firm had been posted as unable to meet its liabilities. Two hours later another notice was posted stating that the firm had succeeded in raising the failure of customers to respond to calls for margins. In the afternoon trade revived slightly.

The first notice bore the firm name of E. W. Coleman & Co., of No. 8, Water-st., one of the oldest firms in the grain business. The second failure was that of J. M. Fuller & Co., of No. 1 Pearl-st. Assignments were made in both cases. George C. Martin, a friend of Mr. Fuller, became his assignee, and William S. Church, the head clerk of the Water-st. firm, was chosen to settle its business. Mr. Fuller declined to make any statement regarding his liabilities, assets, preferences, or the cause of the suspension, further than that it was due to the decline in wheat. He went to his office, he said, in the morning without any idea of suspending, but he was obliged to do so before noon. "We got some pretty hard cracks," he added, "some of them ago, and practically suspended then, and since that time we have been heavily 'long of wheat, which has declined heavily in the last two or three days. Our customers did not respond to our call for margins, and we had to go under." George C. Martin said that Mr. Fuller had made his firm, James A. Fuller, a preferred creditor for \$10,000. He did not know why Mr. Fuller had assigned his property as he had, nor how much the creditors would receive.

In the office of E. W. Coleman & Co. a Tribune reporter found the three members of the firm late in the afternoon. They said that the extent of their liabilities was not fully known, but it would be probably \$300,000. Their assets it was impossible to approximate with any degree of certainty. The assignment was filed late in the afternoon, and although the firm was opposed to the law allowing preferred creditors, after consultation with a lawyer a list had been prepared which the firm did not desire to have published. A letter was shown from A. C. Orr, expressing the sympathy of himself and David Downes, personally to be used in any way that could be. A meeting of the creditors had not been called and no decision had been reached last night relative to continuing business.

The firm was organized in 1848 under the name of Clark & Coleman, and suspended business in 1854. Mr. Clark went to Washington, and Mr. Coleman carried on the business until 1865, when the present firm name was assumed. Consider Parish, a clerk for thirteen years, becoming a partner. Two years later William M. Gray entered the firm, remaining in it until his death in 1871. In 1880 A. N. Clark, who had been in the office for many years, was admitted to partnership, the present members being Messrs. Coleman, Parish and Clark.

MISSING SINCE JANUARY FIRST.

A reward was offered yesterday morning by Francis H. Leggett & Co., of No. 125 Franklin-st., for any information of the whereabouts of Michael Molloy, of No. 165 Eighth-ave., who has been missing since January 1. A few days ago M. J. Anslow and several companions called at the Police House, said Inspector Byrne, and told him that Mr. Molloy, a man of steady habits, and the owner of the grocery stores at No. 165 Eighth-ave. and at Broome and Sullivan sts., had been missing since the morning of January 1. He had only a small sum of money with him, and he started from his house with the intention of making a few calls. At No. 321 East Nineteenth-st. Mr. Molloy met Mr. Anslow, and, at the suggestion of his friend, accompanied him in making several New Year's calls. Mr. Anslow left him at Twenty-second-st. and Sixth-ave., he seemed perfectly sober. He turned toward his home and bade Mr. Anslow good-night, adding that he would see him the following morning. At 11 p. m. Mr. Molloy entered Noonan's liquor store, at Twenty-fifth-st. and Sixth-ave., and, after drinking with the barkeeper, left the store. Since then he has not been seen or heard from.

Mr. Anslow said to a Tribune reporter yesterday that he feared that his friend had met with foul play. His business was good, and he had many valuable business connections throughout the country. While not wealthy, he was the possessor of a comfortable income from his business, and was apparently without a care in the world. He was not married, and his manner of life was above reproach. Mr. Anslow did not think that Mr. Molloy had a large amount of money with him on the day of his disappearance, as the receipts of the previous day were found in a safe. Mr. Leggett is a business friend of the missing man of many years' standing, and has become alarmed at Mr. Molloy's continued absence.

A CHANGE OF HYDRANTS DISAPPROVED.

Adverse criticism of the Department of Public Works has been expressed in the Fire Department recently on account of the removal from the streets of a number of large double-connection hydrants and the substitution of smaller hydrants. Formerly Chief Engineer Bates of the Fire Department was consulted by the Commissioner of Public Works in regard to the placing of hydrants in the streets, and the recommendations of the Chief Engineer have been followed in most cases. Commissioner Thompson, however, has made many changes in the hydrants in opposition to the wishes of Chief Bates, and it is asserted that the supply of water for the fire engines in some parts of the city has been decreased to an extent which may prove dangerous in case of large fires. Chief Bates was unwilling to make a statement on the subject yesterday, except to say that he was not in favor of the changes which had been made. He understood that fault had been found with the large hydrants because they were more liable to get out of order, and because much water was wasted before they could be closed after use. He said also that in some parts of the city, where water had been constructed under the sidewalks, in front of large buildings, hydrants had been removed at the request of property-owners.

THE DEADLOCK AMONG THE ALDERMEN.

The deadlock in the Board of Aldermen is apparently as far from being broken as ever. Tammany Hall insists on naming the president, clerk and assistant clerk. The County Democratic Committee concedes this, but they will be content with nothing less than the presidency, but they will concede almost everything else to Tammany. "We have conceded Tammany as much as we can," consistently said, said Alderman O'Neill yesterday. "We offered them the clerk and assistant clerk, the chairman of the Finance Committee and the new Alderman from the XVth District. Now we demand the presidency and will be satisfied with nothing less." Tammany is just as unyielding. The representatives of the faction declare, as they have from the start, that nothing will satisfy them. Meantime the Republicans are keeping quiet. They have held no more caucuses and will hold none. Overtures have been made to them by both the Democratic factions, but the Republicans say that they want the presidency. Caucuses will be held to-day by both the Tammany and County Democratic members.

INSURANCE NEWS AND INCIDENTS.

In advance of Superintendent McCall's official chart showing the condition of the fire insurance companies at the end of 1883, fragmentary reports are circulating in the street regarding the gains or losses of individual companies. Of the city companies, the Erie City Fire has gained over \$14,000 in surplus; the Firemen's Fire has lost over \$10,000; the Franklin-Empire Fire has lost \$12,000; the Home Fire has lost \$97,000; the Broadway Fire has lost \$2,000. The comparisons are made with the reported surplus at the close of 1882. As indicative of the unusual severity of the fires in 1883 the record of the Hartford fire companies are interesting. Generally these companies have shown a uniform growth. With one or two exceptions, their statements for 1883 show uniform retrogression.

WEDDING GIFTS THAT CANNOT BE USED.

F. Spengler, of St. Louis, returned from Germany in September, bringing with him some valuable wedding presents, which were seized by the Custom House officers, and are still in the seizure. Mr. Spengler's assistant, David Wilson, a customs officer, offered to pay the goods for \$50, which he supposed was the duty on them. The goods were passed, and then the officer, seemed to be indignant because the owner intended to pay the government instead of him. The case was reported to Collector Robertson, who suspended Wilson pending an examination. The officer denied Mr. Spengler's statement, and, after the examination, he was restored to his position. The Treasury Department maintained the action of the Collector in holding the goods, and all the papers have been sent to the District Attorney.

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SWINDLING A MAN WHO WISHED TO MARRY.

H. R. Lawrence, the sharper against whom H. B. Winton, of the New York Conference, warned his customers about a week ago, as stated in the Tribune, has turned up in Baltimore, when he attempted to use the same methods which he employed here for extorting money from advertisers. His schemes there, however, fell through, for Mr. Winton had prepared his customers for his reception. He received a letter from a prominent firm in Baltimore yesterday, giving a graphic account of the manner in which they had caught Lawrence. He had, among other things, represented himself to them as an agent of Messrs. Crandell & Godley of this city, but they soon discovered this to be false. When hard pushed he finally acknowledged everything and begged to be allowed to leave the city at once. His request was granted, and it is supposed that he has left for other fields.

Henry Barritt, a barber at the St. Denis Hotel, called on Mr. Winton and told him that Lawrence had got \$60 out of him. He was reluctant to tell how he had been entrapped, but the story was gradually drawn from him. Lawrence was a regular customer of his, and being of genteel appearance and a persuasive talker, the barber was prone to his patronage. He represented himself to be an only son of a Chicago millionaire. His father owned a fine hotel. The barber was just the fellow he wanted, and he could do no better than give up his match. Barritt was delighted, his heart went out to the pretty chambermaid—and his purse went out to Lawrence, who said he had to charge a commission for doing such delicate work. A telegram was sent, proposing a bogus one received and showed to the barber, accepting. The commission was \$65. Barritt resigned his position at the St. Denis and prepared to go to Chicago with his wife. He did not know her name, nor the hotel where she was, and Lawrence has not returned yet to tell him. Mr. Winton could offer him little consolation, his own losses bearing heavily upon him.

A HUNDRED DOLLARS IN AN ASH-BARREL.

A guest at Earle's hotel on Friday evening handed the clerk for safe keeping an envelope containing several thousand dollars. The money was transferred to another envelope and placed in the safe, the old envelope being thrown into the waste-paper basket. Yesterday morning the guest, who was Earle, came to the hotel and took from it what he wanted. Mr. Earle insisted on counting the money despite the protests of his guest, and found it \$1,000 short. The clerk knew nothing about the loss, but he counted the money himself as it was his duty to do. The waste-paper basket had been emptied into the ash-barrel early in the morning. Mr. Earle at once sent a clerk to search it for the old envelope, which was found with the one hundred-dollar bill within it, to the delight of the guest and the relief of Mr. Earle and his clerk. The Italian and street rascals in the neighborhood are in a state of excitement, and have solemnly resolved to get up betimes hereafter and make a thorough investigation of the garbage receptacles of the city.

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We respectfully invite the atten-

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500 dozen Huckaback and Momic Towels, 35

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450 dozen extra heavy Cream Momic Towels,

45 by 23 inches, at 22c. each; reduced

from 30c.

250 pieces Barnsley Loom Table Linen at

40c. per yard; reduced from 55c.

150 pieces heavy Bleached Table Damask, in

a large and very handsome variety of pat-

terns, at 75c. per yard; reduced from \$1.

100 pieces Satin Finished Heavy Double Dam-

ask, superior quality, at \$1 per yard; re-

duced from \$1 25.

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All Silk Brocade Velvets at \$2.98,

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ONE LOT

Painted Brocade Velvets at \$3.98,

EVENING SHADES, FORMER PRICE, \$7.50.

ONE LOT

Rich Black Brocade Satins at \$1.18,

24 INCHES WIDE; FORMER PRICE, \$20.0.

Having finished taking

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have made great reduction

in prices in all our depart-

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